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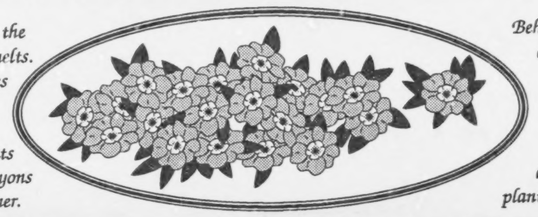
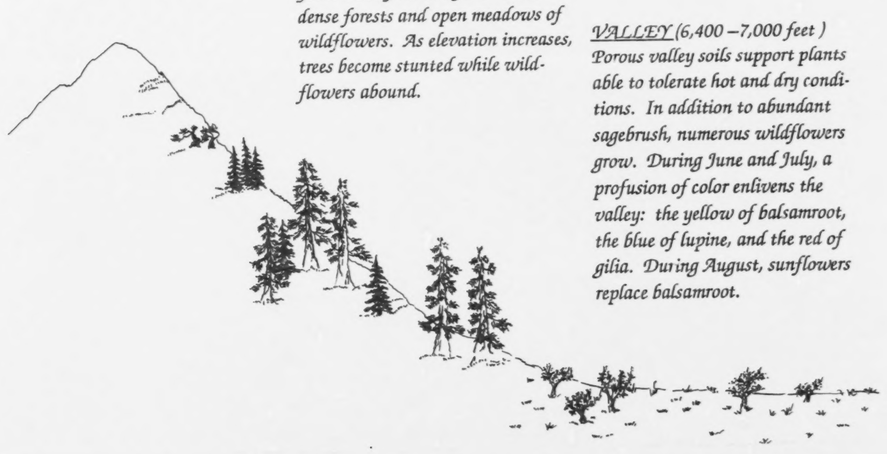
Wildflowers color the Tetons as the snow melts. Warm weather arrives first in the Jackson Hole valley. Snow level gradually retreats up the mountain canyons throughout the summer.



Behind the melting snow come the wildflowers, brightening valley then canyon. Eventually snow leaves areas above treeline, allowing dwarf alpine plants their time to flower.

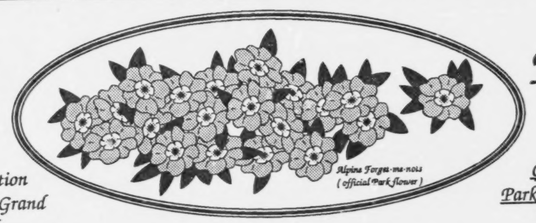
ALPINE (above 10,000 feet)
Above treeline, plants adapt to wind, snow, and lack of soil by growing close to the ground. Alpine plants take advantage of a brief growing season by flowering soon after the snow melts. Some species grow only in alpine area; others grow tall at lower elevations but are dwarfed in the alpine.

CANYONS & SUB-ALPINE
(7,000 – 10,000 feet)
Between the crags of the Tetons, Ice Age glaciers have carved deep canyons. Today the canyons contain dense forests and open meadows of wildflowers. As elevation increases, trees become stunted while wildflowers abound.



VALLEY (6,400 –7,000 feet)
Porous valley soils support plants able to tolerate hot and dry conditions. In addition to abundant sagebrush, numerous wildflowers grow. During June and July, a profusion of color enlivens the valley: the yellow of balsamroot, the blue of lupine, and the red of gilia. During August, sunflowers replace balsamroot.

Enjoy the wildflowers but please leave them for others to appreciate also. Picking vegetation is prohibited within Grand Teton National Park.



For further information on wildflowers, consult Plants of Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks by Richard J. Shaw.

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Flowering Times of Selected Flowers and Shrubs

	VALLEY	CANYONS	ALPINE
WHITE FLOWERS			
Mountain Ash		Jul	
Birchleaf Spirea	Jul	Jul	
Woodlandstar	Jun		
Richardson Geranium	Jun - Aug	Jun - Aug	
Thimbleberry		Jun - Jul	
Green Gentian	Jun - Jul	Jul - mid Aug	
Cowparsnip	late Jun - mid Aug	Jul - Aug	
Ladies-tresses	Aug - mid Sep	Aug - Sep	
White Bog-Orchid	late Jun - mid Aug	Jul - Aug	
Manyflowered Phlox	Jun - mid Jul	mid Jun - Jul	
Colorado Columbine		late Jun - Aug	
Marsh Marigold		Jun - mid Jul	Jun - Jul
Yampah	Jul - mid Aug	mid Jul - Aug	
Engelmann Aster		Jul - Aug	
Yarrow	Jul - early Aug	mid Jul - late Aug	Aug
YELLOW FLOWERS			
Mules-ear Wyethia	mid Jun - Jul		
Hymenoxys			Jul - Aug
Sunflower	mid Jul - Aug		
Balsamroot	Jun - mid Jul		
Rabbitbrush	mid Aug - Sep		
Heartleaf Arnica	mid Jun - mid Jul	late Jun - late Jul	
Yellow Monkey-flower	Jun - mid Jul	mid Jun - mid Aug	
Subalpine Buttercup		Jul - Aug	
Deathcamas	Jun	mid Jun - early Aug	mid Jul - Aug
Sulfur Buckwheat	mid Jun - mid Aug		
Bracted Lousewort	late Jun - mid Jul	Jul	
Yellow Columbine	late Jun - Jul	Jul - late Aug	
Yellow Fritillary	mid May - mid Jun		
PINK - RED FLOWERS			
Springbeauty	May	Jun - mid Jul	
Sticky Geranium	Jun - Aug		
Globemallow	Jul - mid Aug	mid Jul - Aug	
Steershead	late May - mid Jun	late Jun - mid Jul	
Subalpine Spirea		mid Jul - Aug	
Shooting Star	Jun	late Jun - late Aug	
Ladysthumb Knotweed	Aug		
Lewis Monkeyflower		late Jun - Aug	
Spreading Dogbane	Jul - Aug		
Fireweed	mid Jul - Aug		
Moss Campion			Jul - mid Aug
Calypso Orchid	Jun		
Elephanthead	late Jun - Jul	mid Jul - Aug	
Indian Paintbrush	Jun - Jul	Jul - Aug	mid Jul - early Sep
Skyrocket Gilia	mid Jun - Jul		
BLUE - PURPLE FLOWERS			
Wild Blue Flax	July - Aug		
Sky Pilot			July - Aug
Monkshood	late Jun - mid Jul	mid Jul - mid Aug	
Low Larkspur	mid May - Jun		
Mountain Bluebell		mid Jul - early Sep	
Fringed Gentian	late Jul - mid Aug	Aug - early Sep	
Harebell	mid Jun - early Sep		
Lupine	Jun - Jul		
Mountain Bog Gentian		late Jul - early Sep	
Silky Phacelia	late Jun - Jul	mid Jul - late Aug	late Jul - early Sep
Alpine Forget-me-not			Jul - early Aug

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